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[AS AMENDED]

To amend the several Acts for establishing County Infirmaries
or Hospitals, in Ireland.

Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios
in the written Copy.*

N. B.—*The Clause marked (A.) was added by the Committee; and the
Clauses marked (B. C. and D.) on further considering the Report.*

1 **W**H **H**EREBY it is expedient to amend the several Acts now in force for the establishing of Public Infirmaries or Hospitals, in the several Counties in Ireland; Possible.

2 **It** is therefore Enacted by The KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act any Person or Persons, who at the time of the passing of this Act, or at any time afterwards, are or shall be and become annual Subscribers of any sum not less than One Guinea to any County Infirmary, now established in Ireland under the provisions of an Act made in the Parliament of Ireland in the fifth year of the reign of His present Majesty, for erecting and establishing Public Infirmaries or Hospitals, shall, immediately from and after the passing of this Act, or from and after the payment of any such Subscription to be made after the passing of this Act, be and become a Member of the Body Corporate of such Infirmary, for one year, from the twenty-fourth day of June one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, or from the twenty-fourth day of June next ensuing the payment of such annual Subscription, as the case may be, any thing in the said recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding; and that every such Subscriber shall have and enjoy all such rights powers and privileges (except as hereinafter is excepted, as to their recommending external Patients to such Infirmaries,) as annual Subscribers of any sum not less than Three Guineas are vested with or entitled to under the provisions of said recited Act.

Annual Subscribers of one guinea and upwards, to County Infirmaries, shall be yearly Governors in future, as Subscribers of three guineas are, under 11th Act, 5 G. 3, c. 26.

Whenever the Governors of any County Infirmary heretofore established, shall establish a second Infirmary under 54 G. 3. c. 62 :

Subscribers to such second Infirmary shall be Governors of the same; under the same Regulations, and with the same Rights, as Governors of original Infirmary.

And be it further Enacted, That whensoever and so often as the Governors of any County Infirmary or Hospital established within and for any county in *Ireland*, shall establish a second Infirmary or Hospital within the same county, and shall have elected a Surgeon and Apothecary for the same, pursuant to the powers vested in them for that purpose, by an Act made in the fifty-fourth year of His present Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act to amend several Acts for erecting or establishing Public Infirmaries or Hospitals in *Ireland*, so far as relates" to the Surgeons and Apothecaries of such Infirmaries or Hospitals," it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons, becoming donors to such second Infirmary of any sum not less than twenty Guineas at one payment, to be a Governor of such second Infirmary for the life of such donor; and for any person or persons becoming annual donors or subscribers to such second Infirmary, of any sum of not less than one Guinea, to become a Governor of such second Infirmary for one year, from the twenty-fourth day of June one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, or from the twenty-fourth day of June next following the payment of such subscription; and all such Governors shall have and enjoy such and the like rights powers and privileges, as to the electing a Treasurer, and all other officers, for the care and management of such second Infirmary, and all other matters relating to the same, as by the said recited Acts or either of them are enacted and provided for the good government and management of such first or original Infirmary.

CLAUSE (A)
Under what conditions second Infirmary to be established.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the Governors of any County Infirmary or Hospital to establish any such second Infirmary within any county, unless the Grand Jury of such county shall at some previous assizes have signified their opinion by presentment, setting forth that a second Infirmary was necessary, and would be advantageous to the Poor of such county.

Whenever two Infirmaries are so established, Grand Jury shall present £. 100 at each Assizes; to be equally divided between the two Surgeons; and to be in lieu of all other fees presentable as salaries; provided all Regulations required by Law, are complied with by such Surgeons.

And be it further Enacted, That whenever and so often as two Infirmaries shall have been established within any county as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury for such county, and they are hereby required, to present, to be levied off the county at large, the sum of One hundred Pounds at each Spring and Summer Assizes, to be paid and divided equally to and between the Surgeons of such two County Infirmaries; and such sum shall be in lieu of all and every sums and sum which Grand Juries are now authorized by law to present as a salary or salaries for the Surgeons of such Infirmaries: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for the Grand Jury of any County to make any such presentment, unless all and singular the conditions and regulations required by any Act or Acts now in force in *Ireland*, to be performed by or on the part of the surgeons of County Infirmaries, shall have been duly complied with and performed by the Surgeons of such two Infirmaries and each of them.

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And be it further Enacted, That in all cases where the Judge at any Assizes shall be satisfied upon investigation and inquiry that the several conditions and regulations required by law have been duly obeyed and performed by and on the part of such Surgeons, it shall and may be lawful for such Judge to direct the Treasurer of the County within which such second Infirmary shall have been established, to add to and include in his levy Warrants, and to levy off the County at large, the several sums hereinbefore required to be presented as Salaries for the Surgeons of such Infirmary, although the Grand Juries shall not have made such Presentments pursuant to the directions of this Act; and such sums shall be levied accordingly, in like manner, and with the like powers for recovering the same, as if the same had been presented by the Grand Jury pursuant to the directions of this Act.

When Judge shall be satisfied such Regulations have been complied with, it shall not be lawful to fit any presentment for Roads before presentment for Surgeon's Salaries.

And be it further Enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Grand Juries of the several counties in *Ireland*, to direct, that all or any sum or sums which they are now by law empowered to present, to be levied off the several counties for the use and maintenance of the County Infirmarys therein, shall be paid to the Treasurer of each Infirmary, in such proportions as such Grand Jury shall deem proper and advisable, for the use and maintenance of each Infirmary respectively.

Grand Jury may apportion all Sums to be paid to the Treasurer of each County Infirmary.

And be it further Enacted, That whenever and so often as a second Infirmary shall have been established in any of the counties hereinafter mentioned, pursuant to the provisions of the aforesaid Acts and this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Grand Juries of such counties, assembled at their several assizes, to present to be levied off such counties in each year, the following sums for the support and maintenance of both such Infirmarys, which sums shall be in addition to any sums which they are now authorized by law to present for such purposes; *viz.* in the county of *Cork*, an additional sum of Four hundred Pounds, in the several counties of *Donegal, Down, Galway, Kerry, Mayo, Tipperary* and *Tyrene*, an additional sum of Two hundred Pounds, and in the several counties of *Armagh, Clare, Londonderry, Limerick, Meath, Monaghan* and *Wexford*, an additional sum of One hundred Pounds; such sums to be paid to the Treasurers of such two Infirmarys respectively, in such proportions as the Grand Juries of such counties shall think fit to direct for the further maintenance and use of such Infirmarys.

Grand Juries in Counties herein named, where second County Infirmarys are established, may present additional Sums annually for the maintenance of such two Infirmarys; such additional Sums to be £ 400.

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£. 100.

And be it further Enacted, That in all cases where two Infirmarys shall be established within any county, all sums to which any County Infirmary is or shall be entitled, from fines or shares of fines, under any Act or Acts of Parliament, or from casual sums other than donations or subscriptions, shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the first or original County Infirmary; and such Treasurer shall forthwith remit or pay to the Treasurer of such second Infirmary, one half of the amount of

Where two Infirmarys shall have been established within any County, all Fines, &c. to be equally divided between them.

such fines or shares of fines, or other sums of money arising from casual sources as aforesaid, to be applied to the use and for the benefit of such second Infirmary.

Second Infir-
maries shall be
established
near a Court
House not less
than 10 miles
distant from
the first
Infirmary.

And be it further Enacted, That in all cases where it shall be thought expedient (by the Governors of any County Infirmary heretofore established under the provisions of the hereinbefore recited Act of the fifth year of the reign of His present Majesty,) to constitute and establish a second Infirmary for such County, by virtue of the powers vested in them by the hereinbefore recited Act of the fifty-fourth year of the reign of His present Majesty, such second Infirmary shall be established and situated near or contiguous to, or at a distance not exceeding at the utmost one mile from some court-house or place where the Quarter Sessions are held for such county, being not less than ten miles distant from the place where the first or original Infirmary shall be established.

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Surgeon to
give advice to
such extern
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Each annual
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entitled to an
additional extern
patient for
each Guinea
subscribed.

And be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for every Governor of any such Infirmary, who shall be an annual subscriber of one Guinea and no more, to have (in addition to any intern patients, which such Governor may have recommended) one extern patient at one time, and no more, upon the books of admission of such Infirmary; and it shall be the duty of the Surgeon of such Infirmary, and he is hereby required, to give his professional advice and assistance to such extern patient at such Infirmary; and that every Governor of any such Infirmary who shall be an annual subscriber of two Guineas or more, shall be entitled to recommend and to have one additional extern patient upon the books of such Infirmary, in respect of each and every guinea more than One, paid annually by such Governor; and it shall be the duty of the Surgeon of such Infirmary to give his professional assistance and advice to all such additional extern patients at such Infirmary.

Where two
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both shall
form one
Corporation
to hold one
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Assizes for
examining
Accounts,
making Bye
Laws, &c.

CLAUSE (B.)
This Act not
to extend to
several Acts,
but under
certain Con-
ditions.

And be it further Enacted, That in all cases where two Infirmaries shall have been or shall be established within any county as aforesaid, all the Governors of both such Infirmaries united shall form one Body Corporate; and shall hold one annual Meeting in the Assize town, on the first day of the Summer Assizes in each year, or on the day previous to such first day of the said Assizes, for the purpose of examining the Accounts of both such Infirmaries, and for making Bye Laws and appointing standing Committees for the good government of both such Infirmaries.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend or be construed to extend to any County Infirmary established under the said recited Act of the Fifth year of His present Majesty's reign, unless and until the Governors of any such Infirmary shall at some previous General Meeting assembled for the purpose, declare their opinion that the alteration proposed as to Annual Subscribers by this Act, would be advantageous to such Infirmary; but that the

Governors,

Governors of every such Infirmary shall and may, until such General Meeting, and the declaration of such opinion, proceed and continue in the management of their Infirmaries, in every respect as if this Act had not passed.

And be it further Enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the Governors of any Infirmary or Hospital established or to be established in any County pursuant to the said recited Acts and this Act, to permit any Annual Subscribers of any sum less than Three Guineas, to assist or vote at any Meeting or Meetings of Governors of such Infirmaries, which will be held either for the enacting of Bye Laws for the good government of such Infirmary, or for the election of any Treasurer, Surgeon or Apothecary of such Infirmary or Hospital, any thing in this Act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

CLAUSE (C.)
Subscribers
of not less
than Three
Guineas to
vote for
Bye-Laws, &c.

And be it further Enacted, That whenever and so often as the Governors of any County Infirmary shall establish a second County Infirmary under the provisions of the said recited Act of the Fifty-fourth year of the reign of His present Majesty, and that such Governors shall be of opinion that it would be more equitable and advantageous to such Infirmaries, that the Surgeons of both such Infirmaries should not have equal Salaries, in such case it shall and may be lawful for such Governors to fix the Salaries of each of such Surgeons respectively, provided that no Surgeon of either such Infirmaries shall receive as an annual Salary a greater sum than Two hundred Pounds.

CLAUSE (D.)
Governors
may alter the
Salaries to
Surgeons.

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